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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: John Porter                      Confirmation No. 4547  
Serial No.: 09/997,168                                      Group Art Unit: 1771  
Filed: November 29, 2001                                  Examiner: Torres Velazques, Norca Liz  
For: Energy Absorbent Laminate

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10**

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Date September 22, 2003

By Mary La Grange

MS: Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**Response to Restriction Requirement**

The Restriction Requirement dated September 12, 2003, has been carefully considered. The Examiner requires election between Group I, Claims 1-11, drawn to a composite joint, class 428, subclass 223; Group II, Claims 12-14 and 18-24, drawn to a laminate, class 442, subclass 181; and Group III, Claims 15-17, drawn to a method of using a laminate to make a composite joint, class 411, various subclasses.

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In response thereto, Applicants respectfully elect, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-11, drawn to a composite joint.

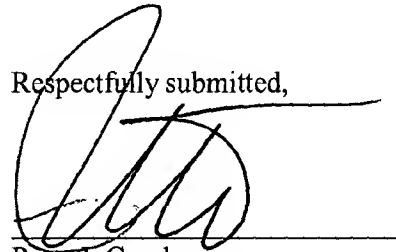
Claims 12-14, 8-24, drawn to a laminate; and claims 15-17, drawn to a method of using a laminate to make a composite joint, are hereby withdrawn.

Consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any excess payment which may be associated with this communication to Duane Morris LLP Deposit Account 04-1670.

Date: 9. 22. 03

Respectfully submitted,



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